

CONCERT BAND NEWS

Many thanks go to the Concert Band alumni who responded to our call. It's not too late for those of you who have yet to contact us. We still want to hear from you. Some very interesting career stories have come to us by way of the postal service and e-mail.

We received one such story from retired clarinetist Paul Leathem, who served under Colonel Howard in the Concert Band and Orchestra from July 30, 1956 to August 19, 1958. During his tenure with The USAF Band, Mr. Leathem traveled twice to the Far East. Leathem then transferred to the USAF Academy Band to finish out his career. He remained friendly with Howard until the colonel's death in 1995. Leathem's letter indicates that it was Colonel Howard who inspired him to found the Retired Air Force Musicians Association (RAFMA) in 1987. Leathem also authored the "Colonel Howard March VII", the theme of which is a collection of all the notes Leathem missed during his career as an Air Force musician.

RAFMA is still in existence today. The membership roster is maintained by CW04 (retired) Louis Kriebel, who will be highlighted in the next issue of *Cadenza*. What's your story? We'd love to hear it, and we'd love to tell it. Write to us at the address printed on the back page to the attention of MSgt Elizabeth Campeau, or send e-mail to elizabeth.campeau@bolling.af.mil

The Concert Band and Singing Sergeants celebrate Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4 on the North Terrace of the National Air and Space Museum. The concert will be simulcast on WGMS 103.5 FM radio, and will feature morning show host Dennis Owens. The concert is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. If you plan to come by Metro, use the L'Enfant Plaza Station. We look forward to seeing you there!

Look for us on Tuesdays at the U.S. Capitol for our weekly Summer Concert Series. The concerts begin at 8 p.m.(weather permitting) and offer 90

minutes of nonstop entertainment. Audience members will be treated to classical band repertoire, outstanding soloists, and medleys featuring the combined talent of the Concert Band and Singing Sergeants. And don't forget, Christmas in August is just around the corner.

Three new members will be joining the ranks of the Concert Band this summer. The Band eagerly awaits the arrival of Eddie Sanders, bassoonist, Jill Westeyn, oboist, and tubist, Brian Sands.

Flutist Technical Sergeant Sharon Nokes is the recipient of yet another award. She was recently selected by a local television station to be one of "UPN 20's *Women Making a Difference*" honorees. For her work with at-risk children in the Washington, D.C. area, TSgt Nokes was honored at a reception at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and was featured in an on-air tribute on UPN 20. Congratulations once again to this outstanding airman.

—MSgt Elizabeth Campeau

Personnel Matters

Auditions

The following is a list of upcoming auditions for The United States Air Force Band. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested in a career with "America's Band."

Concert Band:

Clarinet - August 21, 2000

French Horn - Date to be determined

Singing Sergeants:

Tenor - Date to be determined

Alto - Date to be determined

For audition consideration and information contact:

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Promotions

To Senior Master Sergeant:

Anthony Baker, Supply

Jane Bockenek, Air Force Strings

New Arrival

TSgt Robert Holtorff, audio engineer, Technical Support

Departures

MSgt Kevin Sapp, Singing Sergeants, separation

TSgt Andrew Lowe, Ceremonial Brass, separation

TSgt Steven Sockey, Technical Support, separation

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